

Senate Bill 4

By: Senators Seabaugh of the 28th, Williams of the 19th, Stephens of the 27th, Hamrick of the 30th, Hill of the 32nd and others

AS PASSED

AN ACT

To amend Code Section 32-5-30 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to allocation of state and federal funds, so as to remove certain projects exempt from the allocation provisions of said Code section; to provide for budgeting periods; to change the portion to be divided equally; to remove a provision for expenditures incidental to economic development purposes; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Code Section 32-5-30 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to allocation of state and federal funds, is amended by striking in its entirety subsection (a) and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

(a)(1) The total of expenditures from the State Public Transportation Fund under paragraphs (4), (5), and (6) of Code Section 32-5-21 plus expenditures of federal funds appropriated to the department, not including any federal funds specifically designated for projects that have been earmarked by a member of Congress in excess of appropriated funds shall be budgeted by the department over two successive budgeting periods every decade.

(2) The first budgeting period shall commence immediately following redistricting of congressional districts and shall be for a duration of five years. The second budgeting period shall continue until the beginning of the budgeting period following the next redistricting of congressional districts after each decennial census; provided, however, if the congressional districts have been redrawn prior to a new decennial census, but after the approval of an existing map based on the last decennial census, the budgeting period shall include two successive budgeting periods. The first budgeting period shall end upon approval of the new redistricting and the second budgeting period shall commence from the date such redrawn congressional districts have been approved and shall continue until the next budgeting period following the next redistricting of congressional districts. The

department shall budget such expenditures such that at the end of such budgeting period funding obligations equivalent to at least 80 percent of such total for such budgeting period shall have been divided equally among the congressional districts in this state, as those districts existed at the commencement of such budgeting period, for public road and other public transportation purposes in such districts.

SECTION 2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.